

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
From: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
Date: **June 22, 2020**

## **Requesting Direction to Commemorate Pride Month**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On May 26, 2020, Council adopted a resolution declaring June as LGBTQIA month in West St. Paul. There has since been interest expressed by members of Council suggesting that the City should commemorate the month by the flying of the Rainbow Flag. Staff does not believe it is vested with the authority to make a determination as to if such a symbol should, in fact, be flown in commemoration of this or any other day/month designation, as there are free speech issues involved in matters such as this one. As such, Staff recommends that the matter of flying any flag in commemoration of any particular thing, such as this, African American History Month, or any others, be done only with Council intent determined. The enclosed resolution is intended to determine such intent.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

		Amount
<b>Fund:</b>		
<b>Department:</b>		
<b>Account:</b>		

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of enclosed resolution.

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